

## SHORT STORY

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### **“A PROJECT TO REMEMBER”**

“Today, we will be covering spells used on mortals” Mr. Psycho said. I was barely listening to his explanation; I already went through with this spell and power nonsense. I hate this class. I’ve already done this over two times. It is so not fair. There was nothing wrong with my grades; I was the top of the class! But Zeus, one of my dads, said “You have to go to school again because you have to master all your powers to the fullest. You know what will happen if you’re not prepared.” Yes, I knew what would happen. But why should I worry? I was one of the most powerful beings in the whole universe, and all my dad is worried about is what might happen if I get captured or anything like that. It had happened before, I must admit. But look at me now, all in one piece, not even a scratch on my body.

I was attacked last year at the brink of my development. I was so mad that I wiped the attackers from the face of the planet. It wasn’t a big deal. My dad was still not satisfied after that; he was even more worried. He sent me right away to this annoying little school, when like I said I was at the brink of my development. I should have been relaxing and toying with mortals. It was so fun. But I was sent to school for two years. God and goddesses like us go to school once a millennium. And in this millennium I’ve gone to school two times. What is wrong with people?

“Anna, Anna?” Oops. This has to be the tenth time in this school year that Mr. Psycho has caught me drifting off. “Anna! This is the fifth time I called your name!” he said angrily. “Can you tell me and the class what the spell for telling the truth?” he asked. I never liked Mr. Psycho. He was tall and fair, which make his features stand out. He has blonde hair and blue

eyes, the typical look that cute dudes would look like, according to a regular mortal girl. He's real name is not Psycho; it's Tom. I called him, Mr. Psycho because he was just a psycho. He comes to class with messy hair and a crooked tie and sometimes dirty clothes. I really don't get him, and this was partially why I call him Mr. Psycho. No-one except my best friends Lisa, Zoe, Alex, Jason and Luke, know about the crazy nickname I call him for. If anyone else knew they'd rat me out before I can say "Russian Roulette," I can trust my friends; they are the best friends in the world.

They never cared that I'm the daughter of all the Gods and that I'm one of the most powerful being. They were also kind enough come with me, again, to this stinking school, even though they all hate it. Coming to this school again was their idea. They did not only come here to accompany me but they also came because they heard a rumour that the school is going to have a big project and that only chosen ones would be involved. "Anna!" Ok, I lost it again. "Sorry, Mr. Tom" I said. "This is the last is time I shall catch you daydreaming, you hear me" Mr. Psycho/Tom said in a mad voice, although I could see fear in his eyes. Knowing his fear, I say in a small voice "um... yes, sir." "So what is the answer?"

"Truth be told, truth be heard, and truth be spoken from your words" I said. "Good. Now tell me, what is the spell we use to make people see through the mist?" he asked. "Eyes be open, see through the mist, see the wonders that you missed!" I said without hesitating; this was too easy. I could do this in my sleep. "Good" he said, although I knew he was not happy that I was able to answer his questions. Rinnnggg. Yes, the bell just rung. Thank the Gods.

"What was that about?" Lisa asked. She was waiting outside the Mr. Psycho's class. I bet she was listening. "Nothing" I said slowly. "What do you mean nothing?," she asked and then added in a low voice, "Mr. Psycho caught you daydreaming again?" "You know me too well." I said smugly. "Let's just please go to lunch," I said pleadingly. "Ok. If you say so..." So off we went to lunch.

I thought that I could escape and relax here at the lunch room. But guess I was wrong. While I was in line to get my food, some girls were snickering and whispering. It was obvious to me that they were either just saying bad things that they heard or made up about me, or planning on my death match later (the death match was going to be so easy; I passed that with flying colours last year). Some girls were putting make-up and making themselves pretty, some were with their boyfriends. The others were studying or playing pranks on each other. This was not supposed to bother me. But I had a bad feeling about something, not sure what it was. It felt like the atmosphere became heavy. I got my nectar and ambrosia and went to the table where

my friends Alex, Zoe, Jason, and Luke were waiting. Immediately after I sat down, my friends poured a hundred questions on me. I just sat and waited for them to finished. "Why didn't you say you had something to tell us?" "When were you going to spill?" "When did you know?" "How could you keep it from us?".... and then silence. They were all waiting for my answers. I stared and stared until I could not take it anymore and said, "What are you all talking about?" I never liked not knowing things while my friends knew them. "Umm... Mrs. Stevenson said you have something tell us. She said that you would have to show her what you have prepared and you have to bring it to her after lunch" Alex said. I looked at him and thought he was crazy. "WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?" I asked again. Then in a calmer voice I continued, "I don't have anything to tell you nor did I prepare a... What was I supposed to prepare?" "We don't know, Mrs. Stevenson just came to the cafeteria and said that you had to tell us something really important. We thought you had bailed on us and kept it a secret; you know we don't keep secrets." Zoe said. "I know, I know, but I really don't know what you or Mrs. Stevenson is talking about." I said trying to calm myself. "Well I guess you will find out later when you go to Mrs. Stevenson office" Jason said. "I guess I will" I said. So I left the cafeteria leaving my friends staring as I walked away.

When I arrived at Mrs. Stevenson's office, she was sitting and staring at the door as if she was waiting for me, or maybe she really was. "Hi! Mrs. Stevenson!" "Good day, Anna, Have a sit." I sat down and counted to ten before speaking. "Um... My friend told me to come here to show you what I have prepared for something and that I have to tell my friends something, but as far as I know I have nothing to give you." "Right, I forgot to tell you about something."

"You see tomorrow, you and your friends are going to do a special project." I gave her a sceptical look, and said, "I have no idea of the project you are talking about." "I know, so if you would listen for awhile you might get to know what it is." She said impatiently. "The project can only be completed by six students, which includes you. The six students will be chosen by you since you are leading it." She took a deep breath. I waited patiently in my seat, knowing that she would be mad if I pushed her. So, I started thinking on going about it. The project needs six people. I have five friends. Perfect! Then she said, "You will have to help, supervise, teach and direct in Camp Half Blood." She looked at me and asked "So do you accept the job?" Then I asked, "Looks like you already put me on the job." "Your parents all agreed," she said carefully. "I should have known. They are all up to keep me here forever." But she said "No dear, this project will be like your ticket out of this place. Your parents have seen you progressing and have agreed that if you do this project right you can do anything. So it will be your time to rest

after two hard years.” “Awesome! Freedom at last.” Oops, I slipped again. ‘Cough, cough’ “Anyway, you can pick six people who are willing to do the project with you. Dismissed.”

Thank the Gods one more minute there and I would have dashed out of the office before she could have dismissed me. I was so excited! They were going to get me out of this school! But I still had to complete a full two days with half-bloods. Ugh. Who knows, maybe it could be an awesome experience. For sure, it is better than staying here in this school.

I went back to the cafeteria and realized that everyone was going to their classes. So maybe I would have to wait for classes to finish before I tell my friends of the exciting news. Oh well.

Battle training was my last class. This was where I am supposed to get pulverized. Since it is first day for our class to do the hands on, I volunteered to go first so that they get a taste of what I really can do. Last year, I went last. It was so fun seeing my friends realize how much I can do. But this year I decided to go first so the boosters don’t have to wait until the end of class to find out who really is the strongest. They spread this silly rumour that I am a weakling. Now they will find out what they have been missing.

As I waited for them to get ready, I stood there thinking of how I was going to cut them one by one. I began to strategize. I could use a simple shield and then attack at all of them while they are trying to penetrate it or I could wrap myself in a defensive shield and block each of their moves then take them out one by one.

“Hey!” “Hey Taylor, what’s up?” “Are you ready?” she asked eagerly. I know she is a good person and all, but I also know that she would like to see me get hurt. As if she really can hurt me. It is not me getting hurt today, I thought.

“All right, take your places: Anna in the middle, all of you surround her.” Mr. Charles said. “If you get seriously injured or hurt just say so. Ok, Anna?” “Yeah, like that will happen. It will not be me who will get hurt” I said under my breath. “Let us start. Good luck.” Ok, so this was weird. I know I am the daughter of the twelve Olympian Gods. But seriously, they should not be excited about seeing me get hurt. Anyway, this will make not-getting-hurt even more fun.

I got to my position in the centre of the field and got ready. I took a breath and made an invisible sheet of cold piercing ice wrap around me. I decide to use the defensive shield technique.

As the stabs of power tried to penetrate my shield, I deflect them so that they would not know I have a shield that normally keeps their hopes up. Without a shield, if I turn to one person, my

back would be unprotected. I turn to Alicia, my archenemy, and give her a big blow enough to knock down a whole building. She staggers a bit but regained her balance. Alicia was never seen staggering. So I smiled a wicked smile, then turned to Melissa, Alicia's sidekick. I threw her a powerful force of pure ice which in truth is more than what I wanted to show her. She got thrown to the other side of the field, knocked out. Score! I only did it to show Alicia that what I did to her was merely a small trick. I smile at her again. She used her most powerful source of electricity on me. But because she is also the daughter of Zeus, she pushed electricity around her.

That did not mean she could knock me down that easily. I too was a daughter of Zeus! That was supposed to be powerful but that was not enough to knock me down. I turned my back on her and she kept on trying to shock me. But my shield held well. I turned to Howard, a small nerdy kid. He was not a good fighter if you asked me. I made the floor under his feet turn to ice and just made him slide and slip. I was trying to be kind. I took advantage of the fact that he was on the floor and threw an electric ball of ice. That was definitely kind from my perspective. I only use this when I'm playing a snowball fight. He stood up and I turned my back at him. I knew he was dazed so I did not bother to do anything. After all, he needed a break and I was having too much fun. I planned that I would tire them and then hit them with the hardest. I did not need to hurry, the class would only finish when the battle is over. I should not have blown Melissa out without putting up a fight. But anyway, what was done was done.

After three hours of fighting, only two people were left: Alicia, because I planned to keep her for last, and Charlie who I did not intend to keep fighting but I needed him to keep myself busy while Alicia tried to penetrate my shield. People were already gathering up around the field, carefully taking the seats far enough from mistaken targets, but close enough to see. I was already getting bored with Charles so I just knocked him out with my special ice, too cold it burned. I stood there for a couple of minutes just waiting for Alicia see that she was the only one left. When she stopped hitting me with attacks, I turned to her and saw that she was also waiting. I thought that when I would have turned to her I would have seen the look of defeat in her face, but what I saw was a wicked smile. She thought, I was tired. That's why I had to stop to take a quick breath. I played along with her hope. She attacked and I made sure it barely missed. I staggered a little, let her attack one more time then smiled at her and used a defence ice flare that some people considered it an attack. It worked even though it was a simple flare. I knew it would work because she was already too exhausted. A sudden burst of clapping filled the clearing, and my friends came running to me. I was so glad that they did not have battle training with me and that I did not have to battle against them or I would seriously

loose. I was so happy that I screamed and jumped around when they came to meet me, which is quite unusual for me. After a while I said, "Ok stop. I did this before remember, and you all got so mad at me that you were planning on killing me in my sleep." They all gave me a kind of sheepish smile. They were guilty and I knew it. After last year's battle training class with me, I heard them planning a sneak attack in my dorm. Good thing my dorm only bunked me at that time. I armed my door with the strongest shield I could master; I went to bed and used earplugs. I slept through the night without waking up. The next morning I saw the five of them in the principals' office. Hey, it was not my fault. That was how we became friends. Weird but that how it happened.

Anyway, we all went to our dorms which were all connected. Zoe, Lisa and I were in one dorm because of course girls and boys don't share dorms. We all went to our room so that I could tell them my news.

As we got settled, I looked at them separately and said pleadingly, "I wondered if you five could come along with me." Zoe and Lisa looked at each other and smiled "Of course we will come, what are friends for." I looked at Alex and he said, "You think I would let the opportunity for me to leave this place just pass away like that? Of course I'm in." Then I looked at Jason, who said "You go sister. Yeah, I'll come, as long as..." He came closer and whispered "You get me a date with Lisa." I laughed "yeah, sure." They all looked at me, and Jason said don't tell them. "Hey! Not fair. What about the no keeping secrets part?" I laughed again and said "You'll all soon find out." I winked at Jason. "And you Luke, you in?" "You bet a kid in Camp half blood owes me." I looked at him, and he said, "Just kidding. I would like to come. I would also like to get out of here" He said, but I was sure someone in Camp half blood would be really surprised to see him. "So we are all in. They won't miss us here. We've been here too long. You all are here because of me and I will repay you by giving you a ticket out." We all laughed. Luke, Alex and Jason were heading for their rooms when I remembered, "Wait guys. I forgot to tell you that we are leaving tomorrow after breakfast." I said waiting cautiously for their reactions. "What?" They all said in unison. "And why did you forget to mention this before?" Lisa asked. "Well-" She cut me off before I could reply. "You do realize that I still have to pack?" "Yes. That is why I made sure I remembered the spell for it." I said making sure they realized that they were panicking for no reason. "So what is it?" Alex asked. "Ok, ok. In a hurry that much?" I said. "Anyway, you should say 'Please, oh please, pack the bag that I carry on my back.' But you must be wearing the bag on your back." I said. "Happy?" I asked them all. "Thanks Anna. Now I don't have to pack my bag in the morning." Luke said. We all laughed.

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“Wakey, wakey.” I said. “Wake up you sleepy heads” I shouted. I was the only one that was awake at this time. This sleepy heads were supposed to wake up 10 minutes ago! I told them yesterday to wake up at 6:30. And it is already 6:40! Ok then, if they won’t wake up with a simple wake up then they better be wearing heavy clothes because this room is about to get cold.

I used my power to turn the temperature down by 100 degrees Celsius. By a minute everybody was awake. “Brrrrrr. It. Is. So. Cold.” Zoe said. “Oh come on Zoe. I thought you could stand any kind of temperature” I said mockingly. “And you guys would not wake up” I added. Then Zoe replied: “Yeah, I said that. But I figured we would stay in earth’s maximum temperatures. Plus I am not you; I am not the goddess off ice or snow or whatever. And I am fully awake!” “Just please turn the temperature up!” Lisa complained. “Ok, ok” I said.

I turned the temperature to 15 degrees Celsius. “Is that fine?” I asked. “Much better” Lisa said. Bang, bang, bang. Oops I forgot that I also change the temperature in the boys’ room. They probably were ready to kill me (not that it is possible). “Open up!” Luke was shouting from the other side of the room. Good thing that the walls outside the dorms were soundproofed, otherwise we would be in serious trouble. Lisa opened the door and Alex, Jason and Luke entered the room. They walked right past Lisa and Zoe and walked all the way to where I was standing. They walked ten passes nearer to me and I stopped them by freezing their feet on the spot. They didn’t seem to like it so I dissolved the ice and looked at them, showing that they were not to come closer. They stayed away but they were not happy. “What in the world? I mean why in the world did you do that?” Matt asked. “I looked at him and smiled. “You think you guys can wake up early in the morning?” I asked him back. He started to answer but I cut him off. “No, you can’t. I’ve been trying to wake you up for over 10 minutes already. Do you all know that we will be late for our assembly?” I said. “Oh, Shoot. I totally forgot.” Lisa said. “Why did you not wake us up earlier? Now I have to hurry through my clothes and make-up!” I looked at them, all exasperated and said: “if you all are not ready in 5 minutes I am going to transport you to the hall myself whether you like it or not.” They all groaned. “What?” I asked. “Do we really have to be ready in 5 minutes?” Jason asked. “Five minutes starts now,” I said. They all hurried up and finished in 5 minutes. “Now, let us go.” I said.

We all hurried to the hall just in time as the other gods and goddesses were entering. We sat in our usual seat and waited for Mr. Charles to lead the assembly as usual. But before the assembly could start Mrs. Stevenson came and excused us out of the hall. When we were in the corridor, she said to us: “Why in the world are you here? Aren’t you supposed to be packing?” she asked. All of my friends looked at me. “Mrs. Stevenson, we already packed our bags” I said.

“Well good, then get your bags meet me at the end of your corridor and I will send you to Camp Half Blood.” she said. “Thank you Mrs. Stevenson.” I said and I ran to my room. My friends followed. We got our bags and met Mrs. Stevenson at the end of our corridor where she gave each of us a card. “Imagine a door. When you reach your destination, insert the cards into the slot and off you go.” We did as we were told and arrived at Camp Half Blood.

We arrived at the big house. Just as the name suggested the big house is very big. You could fit a lot of guests there. It was white and was made of wood. We entered the porch and saw that Chiron the camp director was sitting in a wheel chair. “Hello Anna, Zoe, Lisa, Alex, Luke and Jason. So good for you visit us here in Camp Half Blood” Chiron said. “Hello Chiron!” we all said in unison. “Chiron, you do know that we are not here to visit?” I asked. “Of course, you are here for your project. This is fine with me. Dionysus is overjoyed and might even give you something in return for taking his place for two days.” Chiron said. We all laughed. He allowed us to settle in and then assigned our tasks. Today we would all work together: First, we will all have breakfast. Then Zoe and I would take the first classes, Ancient Greek and Archery. While Lisa and Alex were preparing lunch and cabin inspection; and Jason and Luke would polish armours and be conducting Pegasus riding. Then after lunch, Alex and I will direct sword skills and Greek Mythology; Lisa and Zoe will go picking strawberries and play volleyball. Jason and Luke will be at weapon-making and wrestling. Then dinner will be served. After dinner, we can either join the sing-along or go straight to bed.

We headed for breakfast. When we arrived, Chiron told us not to show ourselves just yet to the campers so that we could be a surprise. He went up the mess hall podium while we waited at the back. “Good morning, campers” Chiron said. A chorus of good mornings answered him. “Today, we have six special guests: Gods and Goddesses from Olympus” he said. Whispers commenced. “Quiet!” he ordered. Silence finally filled the mess hall. “Anna, Alex, Zoe, Jason, Lisa, and Luke, please come out” He said. We all flashed in for a nice entrance. We got in order: myself first, then Alex, then Zoe, then Jason, then Lisa, and last but not the least, Luke. We stood in a line in front of the podium. “Anna is the daughter of the twelve Olympian Gods and is the goddess of ice” Chiron announced. People whispered in astonishment. How could there be a daughter of the twelve Olympian Gods? That’s impossible, etc... I held my hand up and showed them an ice cube, floating in air. When a camper tried to melt it, I laughed. Leo, a demi-god who tried to this, looked at me in shock. “Alex is son of Ares and Aphrodite, and is the god of charms and deception” Chiron continued. Alex held his palm up and showed an illusion. “Zoe is the daughter of Artemis, well not the daughter, but she is a hunter who was turned into a goddess. She is the goddess of fairness and equality” Chiron said. Zoe also held her palm up,



and her bow and arrow appeared. "Jason is the son of Zeus and Hera, and is the god of the wind." Chiron announced. Jason also held his palm up and the audience could see wind gushing around it. "Lisa is the daughter of Aphrodite and Hephaestus, and she is the goddess of purity and match making." Boys whistled and hooted. She laughed and put her palm up and a gold necklace appeared. "And last, but not the least, Luke. He is the son of Hermes and Athena. He is the god of Technology." He, like the rest of us put his palm up and a computer (only to be seen on the future for mortals) showed up. They all clapped and we simultaneously closed our fists. "They are going to assist you all for two days. They will be teaching you and supervising you." Chiron said. He announced that they can pick activities for the day and the next day. They all cheered as Chiron dismissed them and finally got to start with their breakfast. Chiron assigned us our tables, the one beside him. We sat and our food appeared. Nectar and Ambrosia were the only things we all really like. We ate and then we went to our stations and got ready.

Zoe and I went by the canoe lake and got our things ready. The first camper to arrive was Annabeth. She asked me a couple of questions and I answered them. Most of her questions were about me, but I was fine with it. By the time everyone was seated, Annabeth had asked me about 100 questions. We started with ancient civilisation and we ended in Ancient architecture. Those demi-gods were pretty smart. Most of them were sons and daughters of Athena as well.

We went to Archery which was in the arena. Zoe was so excited. She jumped up and down. She always wanted to teach archery. People started coming so I got ready. I was supervising while Zoe was demonstrating. Most of them were Apollo's kids and they were good archers. The others were quite good too, but not as good as the Apollo kids. They hit all the targets bulls' eye. But of course, Zoe was so much better. She could shoot an arrow from so far that you don't even see it until it is really close.

We were done pretty early because all the exercises were done. We headed for the cabins where Alex and Lisa would be doing cabin inspections. We arrived and they were doing their last cabin. Poseidon's cabin, I knocked and entered before them. I always loved Poseidon's cabin for some reason. It was so calm and warm inside not like my place in the Arctic. Alex and Lisa inspected the cabin and were satisfied by the cleanliness and orderliness. When they were done, we all went to meet Luke and Jason who were in the stables putting away the horses after their class. We picked them up and we all went to the big house to ask Chiron if we could have the permission to skip lunch because we already ate breakfast which normally keeps us up for the whole day. We only ate two times a day, either lunch and dinner, or breakfast and dinner. Chiron agreed to let us skip lunch so head up to the lake. One by one we talked

about our day and how it went so far. Lisa and Alex were not that happy with their jobs. They had to basically just set the tables and help cook the food. Alex was particularly itching to use his powers, but unfortunately for him, our powers were restricted. Lisa was delighted to do the cabin inspection because she was able to look through people's love notes and find things that could match people together. Alex said he did not mind doing it although we all knew that he would rather be tricking people or fighting or charming girls. Luke and Jason said that they felt like a maid cleaning the armours but they loved teaching the Pegasus riding class.

We all told stories of our past before we met each other like we did when we were just hanging out. By the time lunch break was over we were rolling over with laughter. Then, we departed to do our tasks. Alex and I went directly to the amphitheatre for sword skills because Alex could not keep himself still. This was the part of the day he was looking forward to.

While going through what we were going to do, we both agreed that we would demonstrate a good fight. We also agreed that we could use our powers but that I had to restrict myself to his level of power. We were full when we started that we had to move all the way to the arena. People had been gossiping that there might be a good fight coming up, which was practically true. We started by showing some movement and strokes. Then we fought. I am good at battling with a sword and power, partly because I am the daughter of the twelve Olympian gods and I shared their knowledge and partly because I had practice a lot before. I was almost half of the class when we were finished. I won because I strategized. I can say it was a fair fight. They clapped and cheered then we asked them to pair up and fight each other while the fought we watched and supervised and advised strategy when they were done.

Then, we went to Pegasus training in the stables where we took only the people who signed up. We taught the demi-gods strategies on how to avoid being hit by an attack and some moves they could do in battle. Lisa and Zoe arrived when we finished our class. We headed went find Jason and Luke when Alex and I were done putting the Pegasus back to their stables. We found Luke and Jason in the arena. They were packing away their mats when we arrived. We went to the mess hall for dinner. While we went we talked about the last half of our days so far. Alex and Me had tons of fun in battle class and were thrilled to teach Pegasus riding. Lisa and Zoe liked picking the strawberries because it allowed them to relax. They also had so much fun playing volleyball with the demi-gods. The first round they both played against the demi-gods where they won, the second round it was Zoe's team against Lisa's, and Zoe's team won. We were the first ones to arrive in the Mess hall. The demi-gods were taking showers and preparing themselves for dinner. So, they had plenty of time to discuss about the demi-gods and the gods and school. When everybody was in the mess hall, we sat and ate in silence. After dinner, some

people went to the campfire and the others went straight to bed. I was so tired that I decided to follow the people who went to bed and just lay there. Zoe and Lisa went to join me, but the boys just went and joined the campfire.

I lay in bed for three hour just thinking, before sleep could find me. I slept a dreamless sleep, as always.

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When I woke up light was already streaming from my window. I took a shower then went to change. When I was changed, I went to the big house to find Chiron. He was sitting in his wheel chair reading a book. When I arrived he placed his book on his lap and looked up smiling. "Good morning Anna. Did you sleep well?" He asked. "I did, thank you." I replied. "Are the others awake?" I asked him. "I'm afraid not. I was wondering when one of you would wake up. I did not want to disturb you. But breakfast is about to start." He said. "It is fine if we miss breakfast we can eat lunch instead, I don't mind." I said. "Very well then but meet me here before the first activity starts." He said. "Don't Chiron, I will be sure to wake them up before breakfast even ends." I said smiling to myself. He then left. I was about to go to the other's rooms when someone behind me said: "Good morning, Anna." I whirled and found Alex standing casually on a tree, which is what he does when he is bored. "Good morning Alex. I was about to wake you guys up. But I guess you could do it for me." I said then added: "please, please pretty please." "Fine," he said "but you owe me one." I was about to reply when he said: "while I'm waking the others up you could go ask Chiron for our tasks so that you can tell us when we meet by the big house." "All right, I'll meet you and the others in the big house." I said.

I went to the mess hall and found most of the demi-gods eating and found Chiron watching the demi-gods. I went up to him and asked him about our schedule. He said that first, Alex and I had to do monster fighting and then javelin throwing, Zoe and Jason had to do cabin inspection and Pegasus riding, and Lisa and Luke had to do ready the woods for capture the flag and do volleyball. I said thank you and left.

I went to the big house where I found Lisa, Zoe, Alex, Jason and Luke sitting by the porch. I told them their scheduled and we all went to our stations. Alex did most of javelin throwing while I did most of monster fighting. We were the last to finish our activities because ours was the hardest. When we arrived at the mess hall for lunch we were all starving. I had to have two rounds of nectar and ambrosia and so did the rest of my friends. We went up to Chiron and asked what our second task was. He told us that all we had to do was play capture the flag with

the demi-gods. Chiron said I could help out both teams since I was with all of them, but only if necessary. The teams were: Hephaestus, Ares, Aphrodite, Artemis, Dionysus and Demeter; and Hera, Zeus, Poseidon, Hermes, Athena and Apollo.

The teams were grouped and each devised their plans for the battle. When they were ready, I set the flags and told the captains where they were. When they were set up, I blew the conch horn and the strategies came into action. Athena's group branched out into groups: the scouts, the defenders, the fakers and the attackers. The scouts were to be in trees and shoot arrows at anyone who passed by, the defenders stayed behind and prepared for an assault, the fakers faked an attack on the other teams defenders and while the attackers ambush the flag because the fakers were doing their job. Ares's group placed traps around their flag and half went to attack half stayed behind to defend.

Athena's team was going fine when one person from the attacker group got caught in one of the Ares' team's trap. The defenders from the Ares's team started defending also against the attackers from the Athena's team, not the fakers only. In the Ares' team's case they were not doing that well at all, they were getting caught by the scouts and the defenders from the Athena's team was ready for the attackers because they had a signal from the scouts. The defenders from the Ares' team were already getting tired and weak. So one of the attackers from Athena's team, Annabeth, was able to go and grab the flag. The attackers stayed fighting the defenders from the Ares' team so that they would not follow. Annabeth took a longer way to get to her base, so that she doesn't get caught by a member from the Ares' team. She got there and I blew the conch horn. The Athenians won!

We went to the amphitheatre to give awards to the winners of the game. The Athenians got laurels and no cleaning up duty for a month. Annabeth was awarded Most Valuable Player (MVP).

After the awarding ceremony, we went back to our rooms and took our bags before we went to the mess hall. It was our good-bye time. "Thank you Anna, Alex, Jason, Lisa, Luke and Zoe for coming and helping us here at camp. You will be allowed to leave school once you pack your things and have one last night." Chiron said. The demi-gods cheered and clapped. And a chorus of thank you and good luck came. "It has been a pleasure helping you all. I hope you had as much fun as I did. Thank you. See you soon." I said. Then I whispered to Lisa: "Lisa, Umm... you kind of have a date with Jason tomorrow." I went as far away from her because I didn't want to know her reaction. Then we took our cards, imagined a door and visualize our school, and inserted our cards.